tea by the garden as against the targeted area of 400 hectares. Although the garden made a good start yet it faced difficulties due to labour disturbances resulting in lock out has since been lifted and normalcy has been restored. Tea produced by this garden has fatched attractive price in Calcutta auction in the past.

(c) Preliminary reports indicate that approx. 2000 hectares of land suitable for tea cultivation are available in Thomal Rampur Tehsil of Kalahandi Distt. and Darangabari in Phulbani Distt. The Government of Orissa have nominated the Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Ltd. (IDCOL) as nodal agency for setting up of tea gardens in the above noted areas. The State Government have already handed over possession of 1200 hectares of Government land in Thomal Rampur to IDCOL. The Tea Board has provided a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs to M/s. IDCOL for raising nursery. M/s. IDCOL have indicated that 400 hectares of land have already been allotted to a private tea company.

Proposal for Comprehensive Export Package

4295. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce has recommended a comprehensive export package including allocation of certain percentage of the proposed export earning to the States for the development of infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal formulated/finalised by Government in this regard;

(c) the details of the expected implications thereof in boosting the exports; and

(d) the details of the infrastructural facilities proposed to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce in its first report presented on 10-5-93, inter alia recommended close involvement of State Governments in export activities and allocation of additional funds to the extent of 5% of the export earnings from the unilocated in those States for development of infrastructure for export production.

(b) Measures taken to involve State Governments in export promotion activities and grant incentives to them are briefly given below:

(i) The States have been requested to formulate export policies on the lines of their industrial policy and chalk out time-bound export plans.

(ii) It has been decided to grant Export House status to one Export Corporation in each State nominated by the State Governments in relaxation of the minimum export earnings condition. So far 13 Corporations nominated by State Governments have been accorded Export House status.

(iii) The Export Promotion Industrial Parks (EPIP) Scheme has been finalised and circulated among the States. Under the Scheme, the Centre is to extend grant up to 75% of the Capital expenditure on infrastructure, ordinarily limited to Rs. 10 crores per park. Besides, for maintenance of facilities grant equivalent to 2% of the export turnover of each unit established in the Industrial Parks will be extended for a period of 5 years.

(iv) Constant Centre-State inter-face is being maintained on all important matters.

(c) and (d) The States are expected to provide infrastructural facilities like power, water, roads (including approach roads to the park), sewerage and drainage, tele communication and other facilities for the Export Promotion Industrial Parks. Such facilities shall be of high standards to ensure that the units established in the parks are able to function efficiently.

Setting up of Joint Venture and Wholly Owned Companies Abroad

4296. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up

Joint Venture and wholly owned companies abroad for trading and other services under the revised Export-Import Policy for 1992—97;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to create a new category of Super Stars among export houses in the country; and

(d) whether this decision would help in increasing the exports by Small Scale Industries ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Joint Ventures and Wholly Owned subsidiaries abroad for trading and other services can be set up even under existing guidelines for Overseas Investment.

(c) Yes, Sir. A new category of Super Star Trading House has been created in the Export-Import Policy 1992—97 (Revised Edition ; March, 1994).

(d) Since exports of goods manufactured by Small Scale Industries are given double weightage for recognition as a Super Star Trading House, this is likely to encourage greater sourcing by them of goods manufactured by that sector.

Import and Export of various Commodities

4297. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various commodities which have been exported and imported in the country during the last three years;

(b) the year-wise and commodity-wise details for the same period;

(c) the total foreign exchange earned by Government from export during this period; and

(d) the total foreign exchange incurred by Government in respect of imports during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Information called for is voluminous. Data on exports and imports commodity-wise are published in volumes I & II of the Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India (Annual Number) by DGCI&S, Calcutta. The publications are presently available only up to 1992-93. These publications are made available to the Lok Sabha Library. The Annual Numbers for 1993-94 have not become due.

(c) and (d) India's exports and imports during 1991-92, 1992-93 and April—February, 1993-94, the latest period for which such data are available, are given below :

	Exports		Imports	
	Rs. crores	US$ Million	Rs. crores	US$ Million
1991-92 . . .	44042	17865	47851	19411
1992-93 . . .	53688	18537	63375	21882
1993-94 (April –Feb.) . . .	62181	19825	63780	20335
1992-93 (April –Feb.) . . .	47234	16441	57302	19945

Changes in Import-Export Policy

4298. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced important changes in the Export-Import Policy;

(b) if so, what are the new features of the said policy and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what effective measures Government propose to take to boost exports ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a)